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Agency's [redacted] Chief of the Central Intelligence  
has given me your letters of 22 November  
and 30 November 1949 addressed to [redacted] also [redacted]  
[redacted] and has asked me to reaffirm the substance of [redacted]  
letter to you of 28 November.

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I readily can understand your hesitancy in releasing valuable  
classified information to a man whom you do not know. Your caution is  
a quality we appreciate. The release of information to non-authorized  
individuals could be detrimental to the United States Government, as  
you realize.

In this case, however, you need have no hesitancy. [redacted]  
is an accredited representative of the Central Intelligence Agency,  
which has been authorized by the National Security Council to collect  
foreign intelligence information for the United States Government,  
within the United States, on behalf of other federal agencies. The  
Agency also is charged with the responsibility of protecting the identity  
of sources of intelligence who cooperate with it.

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[redacted] I trust that the above information, in addition to that which  
already has provided, will prove sufficient to reassure you, and  
that Central Intelligence Agency, through him, may count on your assistance.

Sincerely,

R. H. McNAUL, DIRECTOR  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

*Signed - via tele phone  
envelope*

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[redacted] - 13 December 1949

cc: Signing Official  
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